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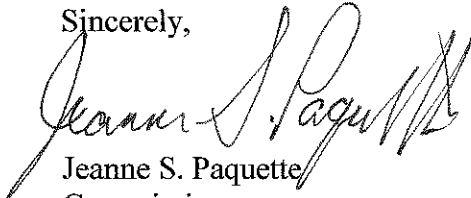
The Honorable Amy F. Volk, Senate Chair  
The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, House Chair  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic  
Development  
128th Maine Legislature  
100 State House Station  
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Dear Senator Volk, Representative Fecteau and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on  
Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development:

Pursuant to 26 MRSA, c. 16, §2, the Department of Labor (the 'Department') was tasked with reviewing the status of labor relations in the State between agricultural employees and agricultural employers who operate egg processing facilities that have over 500,000 laying birds and employ more than 100 agricultural employees. The Department was asked to assess the impact of law changes contained in the original Agricultural Employees Labor Relations Act. If needed, the Department could develop recommendations necessary to promote agreements between agricultural employers and agricultural employees to limit industrial strife, promote stability in the farm labor force and improve the economic status of workers and businesses.

Since 2012, the Department has not received any formal complaints from agricultural employees alleging strife within the industry that would require further legislative action. It is the Department's recommendation that no new legislation be submitted. The Department will continue to assist the industry with employment services through our Bureau of Employment Services and also compliance assistance with labor law enforcement through our Bureau of Labor Standards, should the need arise.

Sincerely,



Jeanne S. Paquette  
Commissioner